

E. R. THOMAS'S CREDITORS ARE GROWING ANXIOUS

Want to Know Just What He Proposes Doing in Way of Settlement.

HOT CONTEST LIKELY.

Banker Seems Not So Willing Now to Pay Claims Against McClay & Co.

The sub-committee of the creditors of E. R. Thomas, which has been engaged in a searching investigation into his affairs, will hold a final meeting this afternoon in an uptown hotel and the creditors will hold a small mass-meeting in the offices of a downtown life insurance company to-morrow afternoon to listen to the sub-committee's report. It will then be up to Mr. Thomas to make satisfactory arrangements for the settlement of his debts. If he cannot do this, the creditors will take steps to satisfy their claims.

They are quite willing to allow Mr. Thomas time, but they do not want to give him a quarter of a century. This period would be consumed under the agreement he has submitted to the sub-committee. He wants to apply about \$50,000 of his income of \$150,000 a year to the settlement of his debts.

No Contest Certain.

The creditors want every cent he can give up without invalidating his life insurance or driving himself into starvation. There is bound to be a hot contest between Thomas and the men to whom he owes money when they come together over the terms of the settlement.

At the beginning of the negotiations Thomas assumed not only his own debts but those of the brokerage house of McClay & Co. and of O. E. Thomas, his business partner. At a meeting of the sub-committee of creditors held yesterday afternoon signs appeared that Thomas would like to repudiate responsibility for the debts of McClay & Co.

A lawyer named McBurney appeared before the sub-committee and said he represented McClay & Co. He denied that E. R. Thomas was the backer of the firm, and asserted that Thomas is in no way responsible for the liabilities.

There were present at the meeting Miles O'Brien, vice-president of the Mercantile Trust Company; Benjamin Nicol, E. R. Chapman, president of the Hudson Trust Company, and W. O. Allison, president of the Continental National Bank. The members of the sub-committee expressed surprise that Mr. McBurney should be in ignorance of some of the facts obtainable from McClay & Co.'s books.

The books show that E. R. Thomas was practically the only customer of McClay & Co. The combined commissions of all the other customers would not pay the expenses of the firm. Mr. Thomas also endorsed nearly all the McClay paper that is out against the firm.

Want to Hear from Him.

The creditors await with interest Mr. Thomas's declaration to-morrow afternoon concerning his responsibility for McClay & Co.'s debts. O. E. Thomas is to appear before the sub-committee this afternoon and answer questions about his own resources and the extent of his liabilities. Mr. Thomas, the sub-committee has learned, owns considerable property and is beginning to entertain covetous desires concerning this yacht.

Outside of some holdings in the International Trust Company, the Bowling Green Trust Company, the Metropolitan Trust Company and the Mercantile National Bank, said a man who knows this afternoon, "the E. R. Thomas collateral put to secure his paper is not worth at present more than \$7,000 or \$8,000. He owes \$2,750,000. His holdings in the securities I have mentioned are comparatively small."

When Thomas made his first offer to his creditors, through the sub-committee to pay a part of his yearly income toward satisfying his debts, he said he had an average income of about \$150,000 a year. It has run as low as \$125,000 and as high as \$200,000. But many of the securities left by his father, the late Gen. Thomas, are railroad stocks and bonds that have since markedly declined in value in the past year. It is a question if E. R. Thomas's income will reach \$150,000 again for some time to come.

As against his estimated \$150,000 income E. R. Thomas desires to hold out \$135,000 a year for life insurance, \$15,000 a year for payment to his brother Horace, \$2,000 a year interest on a mortgage his wife has placed upon their town house, which is in her name, and \$14,000 a year rent is now paid in New Jersey, the lease of which has two years to run.

In addition he wants a liberal allowance for household expenses, for the maintenance of his racing stable, his yacht and his automobile. Altogether he wants to hold out about \$100,000 a year.

Some of the creditors are in favor of forcing Thomas, if possible, to turn over his yacht, his automobiles and his horses on his New Jersey farm. They are almost unanimous in their desire that he cancel his lease on the farm and thus save them \$48,000 at one swoop.

CUT WOMAN'S THROAT TO CURE HER OF RARE DISEASE

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Joseph G. Coleman, whose nervous system collapsed after she had netted \$75,000 for charity by working night and day managing the famous rife of the "Streets of Paris," was reported to be in "splendid condition" today at the Ancon Hospital following a surgical operation which was performed as a last resort. The operation involved cutting Mrs. Coleman's throat. The patient suffered from what is known as "Graves' disease," one of the so-called mysteries of the medical profession, the symptoms are protruding eyes, tremor, an extraordinarily rapid pulse, and an enlargement of the thyroid gland.

The operation to cure the ailment is the removal of the greater part of the thyroid gland and is extremely dangerous, as the thyroid gland is between the external and internal jugular veins. At the hospital it is hoped that the operation will cure the case, but will leave no visible marks upon her neck. The scar, if there is one, will be completely hidden in the natural fold of the skin. Mrs. Coleman's physician says, "We will be able to again wear décolleté gowns if she so desires."

Coney Island Jockey Club's School for Race Track Boys

The Only Educational Institution of Its Kind in America.

Racing Association Has Turned an Old Church Into School-house for Stable Youngsters, and Future Jockeys and Trainers Are Cheerfully Striving There to Master the "Three R's."

ONE CLASS "WHITE," THE OTHER "BLACK."

Boys Well Behaved and Eager to Learn, but Must First Hear Results of the Races, Their Teachers Report—Club Supplies Everything and Foots All the Bills.

"The class in geography will now come to order."

The good woman spoke in a kindly, musical voice and there was immediately a shuffling down of books, a shutting of feet, and eight or ten little fellows attired in the clothes of the racing stable ambled to the front of the little schoolroom. They lined up, keeping the best of decorum. In the lot were three prospective jockeys, two stable boys—or "guineys," as they are called—and a little Jap named Thomas Scholfin.

"Now, Jimmy," said the teacher, as she turned to little Hagan, who is working in Jockey's stable, "what is the capital of California?"

There was complete present and the little fellow was plainly embarrassed. He stood on one foot and then the other and appeared to be in doubt between two cities.

"Oakland," he finally announced, though his voice expressed some doubt. Some of the other boys were better informed and a titter ran over the class.

"Well, anyway," continued Jimmy, realizing that something was wrong, "that's where the best race track is."

The teacher kindly corrected him and then went on with other States. As a rule the boys were bright and they never had to be told twice.

The room in which this occurred is occupied by white boys only. Separated from it by a thin partition is the study room of the negro boys, and in these two classes was busy struggling through the Second Reader while the other was taking a lesson in writing.

Only School of Its Kind in America.

There is no other school in the United States like this one. Its student body is made up entirely of stable boys, exercise boys, attendants and rubbers around the race track at Sheepshead Bay. It is supported by the Coney Island Jockey Club, and the two teachers, Miss S. L. Cronin and Miss Belle McGuire, are paid out of the treasury of that association.

The school house is what is left of the old Dutch Reformed Church, which stands alongside the old Neck Road just back of the race track and not far from the Belmont stables. The church was abandoned long ago when the congregation moved into the new edifice, and the blocks up the road, now the school, are fitted with regular school desks and benches. Writing paper, books and tuition are furnished free by the Coney Island Jockey Club.

The boys have nothing to pay, and all who feel the need of education are welcome to come and get the benefit of the night school. The school hours are from 6 to 8 o'clock P. M. When the time is up all of the pupils go back to the stables and to bed.

"Suppose you walk into the room of the colored boys," said Miss McGuire as all the little fellows were going the man with the camera and talking in whispers about their unexpected visitors.

Fifteen Little Darkies in This Class.

In the room occupied by the colored boys there were fifteen little dark-faced boys bending studiously over their work. There was a hum as the little fellows were picking out the words in the Second Reader and repeating them in a half whisper. As they have not learned to read "no camera" here.

"Oh, I've seen you before!" chirped a little black boy as the photographer stepped inside the door carrying his camera and plates.

"Now, Tommy," said Miss Cronin gently, "you must remember to keep order and not speak out unless spoken to."

"Yes'm, I will," apologized the little fellow, who works in the Keene stables; "but I seen him when he tuk all our pictures out at the track last summer."

With that explanation he quieted down and the teacher with the soft voice called for the class in arithmetic.

"Now, boys," she began, "I want you to learn something about bills." She then drew the form of a merchandise bill on the blackboard and at the direction of the boys she proceeded to fill it out. They said that they suggested several of them then looked up the amount, and most of them had it right.

"Now, Jimmy," she said, "if Brown sold a bill of goods to Mr. Keene, how would it be collected?"

"Well," replied the little fellow, "Brown would make it out like the one on the board and take it down on a wagon and collect it."

"No," said the teacher. "You don't think Mr. Brown would collect it himself, do you? He would send an agent."

When One of Them Turned Pale.

"Well, what is it, Harry?" and she turned to a little fellow who had just raised his hand.

"Mass Cronin," he said, "if the man sent the goods on a wagon and got the money there wouldn't be no use of a bill, would there?"

In detail the patient teacher then explained this elementary principle of business and things that the merchant had to keep things on their books whether the transaction was cash or on credit.



MISS BELLE R. MAGUIRE, TEACHER. JAS. HAGAN, FRED LANGAN, HYLAND, JOYNER'S STABLE.

FRENZIED SAILOR WITH BIG KNIFE TERRORIZED SHIP

Lascar Ended His Reign of Fear By Plunge Into the Red Sea.

Through seven seas, with an Oriental cargo of steel, curios and rugs valued at \$100,000, the steamship Indusamba docked at South Brooklyn today after an unusual trip of 12,000 miles. For two days the forty-seven Lascar sailors were terrorized by a crazed seaman, who finally leaped into the Red Sea. Another Lascar developed insanity five days from New York, but he was quickly clapped into hospital quarters, where he died, raving, the day after.

The Indusamba left Kobe, Japan, Jan. 4, where she completed her cargo. Splendid weather was experienced all the way to the Atlantic Ocean, where the big vessel was rolled for days in the stormiest seas she ever encountered.

According to Capt. Mambo, his vessel was already in sight of the gate at Suez when his head fireman, Mara Bin Howra, became suddenly deranged. Seizing a great carving knife from the galley, the Lascar ran madly through the steamship, slashing right and left, driving the ship's company down hatchways and to the upper decks. Lancing and firing an automatic, intermittently prayed, "Allah be with me," and refused to be picked up by the crew and taken to the hospital.

So fearful were the frenzied man's attacks that none of them could be induced to work unless a guard was posted at the bulkhead of the fire room. In consequence, the engines ran down and it was slow work getting to Suez. Just at dusk one night Mowra, a wilder man, set up an agonized cry, climbed to the rail of the bridge and plunged overboard. Capt. Mambo stopped his vessel, but no trace of Mowra was found.

Mohamud Sarraf developed similar symptoms coming into New York. After his death he was buried at sea with Lascar rites.

TRYING TO END DROUGHT.

Seltzer Makers Get Injunction to Break Highball Famine.

The highball famine on the east side is to come to an end. On motion of the members of the Seltzer Water Bottlers' Association Justice Platzer yesterday granted an order calling upon the employees to show cause why an injunction should not be issued restraining them from interfering with the business of their employers.

The strikers held a meeting last night and indignation popped forth at the rate of a hundred words a minute. They will fight the injunction, and try to show Justice Platzer that the east side can well afford to do without highballs while the strike lasts.

SAYS CHUM STOLE HIS WIFE AWAY

General Manager Lane, of New York Edison Co., Gets Divorce Decree.

Justice O'Gorman granted an interlocutory decree of absolute divorce today to Francis E. Lane, general manager of the New York Edison Company, at No. 57 Duane street, from Mary, at No. 57 Duane street, the result of a suit begun in 1905.

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ROUNDS UP FIVE AS BURGLAR GANG AFTER A CHASE

Policeman Cahill Charges Prisoners With Breaking Into a Harlem Grocery.

After a chase of several blocks policemen of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station early this morning captured five young men alleged to have been implicated in a burglary in the grocery store of Joseph Sobin, at No. 35 West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street. The door of the store had been forced open, but just what was taken is not known as yet.

While going through West One Hun-

dred and Thirty-sixth street Policeman Cahill saw five young men standing about the doorway of the store. As he approached them one of them dropped a bag of salt and ran away. The others followed, and Cahill started after. The chase led around to Fifth avenue, where the men separated and Cahill followed three to No. 2340 Fifth avenue.

After making a search of the house he arrested Joseph Dugan, eighteen; his brother, George, nineteen, and Fred Hughes, nineteen. On reaching the sidewalk Cahill rapped for help, and Policemen Kirk and Lenehan appeared. The three prisoners were turned over to the policemen, and Cahill went in search of the other two and later arrested Michael Muldoon, twenty-one, and John Murphy, twenty, who live at No. 2183 Fifth avenue.

At the police station the five were charged with burglary, and, according to the police, some of them confessed.

ACTOR DROPS DEAD AS HE WALKS TO THE STAGE.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Feb. 19.—Hal Newton Carls, of New York, an actor of national prominence, falling one of the leading roles in "The Wheel of Love" company, dropped dead here last night just as he was about to go on the stage for the second act. Heart disease caused his death. He was sixty-five years of age.

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